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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, February 06, 2015

TIME:

9:00 am

PLACE:

Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AGENDA

Incorporates beach land conservation under the general powers of the board of land and natural resources. Expands the department of land

HB 444 Status

RELATING TO BEACH PROTECTION.

and natural resources' beach restoration plans to include beach conservation plans. Requires beach restoration plans to include, where appropriate, county participation and the formation of private-public partnerships. Allows the department of land and natural resources to include studies about the effect of sea level rise and other coastal engineering studies when developing beach conservation plans that involve more than the nourishment of beaches with sand. Renames the "beach restoration special fund" as the "beach restoration and conservation special fund". Permits proceeds from the lease of public lands for an existing shoreline structure, matching funds to carry out a beach restoration and conservation plans, from private individuals or organizations, and transient accommodations tax revenues to be deposited into the beach restoration and conservation special fund. Allows moneys from the beach restoration and conservation special fund to be used for conservation projects and all things necessary, useful, and convenient in connection with the restoration and conservation of beach lands. Allocates \$3,000,000 of transient accommodations tax revenues to the special land and development fund to be expended by the board of land and natural resources and board of directors of the Hawaii tourism authority, under a mutual

agreement. Allocates an annual amount of \$3,000,000 of transient

conservation special fund and requires the fund to maintain a balance

accommodations tax revenues to the beach restoration and

of \$7,000,000 once that balance is achieved.

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RELATING TO THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX. HB 954 WAL, TOU, FIN <u>Status</u> Clarifies the distribution and allowable uses of Transient Accommodations Tax funds allocated and deposited into the Special Land and Development Fund in accordance with the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Strategic Plan. HB 958 RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF WAL, JUD, FIN Status 5 4 1 LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Provides alternative civil enforcement options that may be utilized by the Board of Land and Natural Resources in the processing of natural and cultural resource violation cases. RELATING TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY HB 1029 WAL, HED, FIN <u>Status</u> COMMITTEE. Amends the composition of the Endangered Species Recovery Committee by replacing the University of Hawaii Environmental Center's Director with the Dean of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Natural Sciences. HB 239 RELATING TO KEWALO BASIN. WAL, TRN, FIN **Status** Repeals Act 3, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2007. HB 515 RELATING TO REMNANTS. WAL, JUD, FIN Status Clarifies the definition of the term "remnant" for purposes relating to the disposition of public lands. Establishes restrictions on the disposition of remnants. RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBORS. HB 955 WAL, FIN Status 5 4 1 Clarifies that a person at least eighteen years of age need not obtain a marine surveyor's inspection nor provide documentation that the person is the owner of a vessel in order to be placed on a waitlist for a use permit to moor a vessel in a state small boat harbor. HB 956 RELATING TO SPECIAL SHORELINE ENCROACHMENT WAL, JUD Status EASEMENTS. Provides the Board of Land and Natural Resources discretion to grant easements for less than fair market value for structures that were authorized by a governmental authority and legally constructed landward of the shoreline within the record boundary of the landward property at the time of construction, but are now located seaward of the valid certified shoreline on public land. HB 957 RELATING TO FOREST STEWARDSHIP. WAL, FIN Status Clarifies conditions that must be met by applicants to receive funds under the Forest Stewardship Program. HB 443 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO UPDATE AGRICULTURAL WAL, FIN Status 5 4 1 SOIL CLASSIFICATIONS AND MAPS. Appropriates moneys for the office of planning and LUC to update

agricultural soil classifications and maps.

HB 155 Status

RELATING TO THE WAILUKU STATE OFFICE MASTER PLAN.

Requires the department of accounting and general services to develop a Wailuku state office master plan to address the shortage of space in the Wailuku state office building and old courthouse building. Makes

an appropriation.

HB 301 Status 5

RELATING TO TORT LIABILITY.

WAL, JUD

WAL, FIN

Grants immunity to state agencies and employees of the State from liability for injury or damage to persons or property arising out of hazardous recreational activities; and establishes limitations on damages when a state agency and employee of the State are liable due to failure to guard or warn of a known dangerous condition, permission to participate in the hazardous recreational activity was granted for a fee, State was negligent in construction or maintenance of structures or equipment used in the hazardous recreational activity, participation or observation of a hazardous recreational activity was promoted recklessly or with gross negligence, or there was an act of gross negligence.

HB 441 Status

RELATING TO STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FINANCING. Establishes the infrastructure capacity construction loan revolving fund to provide loans to counties, state agencies, or private developers for infrastructure improvements. Appropriates funds for the

administration and implementation of the infrastructure capacity

construction loan revolving fund.

HB 830 Status

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

WAL, FIN

WAL, FIN

Exempts from the definition of "historic property" any private residence that has not been entered, or nominated by the owner of the residence for entry, onto the Hawaii Register of Historic Places. Clarifies that nothing in Chapter 6E, HRS, shall be construed to require a review by the DLNR for any private residence exempted under the new "historic property" definition.

HB 1409 Status

RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS.

WAL, JUD

Amends the definition of "programmatic agreement" to ensure an agreement is consistent with state or federal laws.

HB 1136 <u>Status</u>

RELATING TO CONSERVATION.

WAL, FIN

Requires DOCARE to facilitate the execution of a memorandum of understanding for the joint enforcement of conservation laws, rules, and ordinances. Requires DOCARE to submit a report to the

legislature. Sunsets on 6/30/16.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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